

## KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting

October 9, 2023

Hybrid In Person and Zoom

### Attendees

In Person:

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Annette McCoubry	KJ6SWK
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Hal Graboske	KK6NDF
Curt Smith	KM6HFT
Karen Leong Fenton	KK6ZPM
Jay Fenton	KJ6WSS

via Zoom:

Don Simon	NI6A
Blake Yeaman	KN6CMP
Susan Yeaman	KN6CMR
Jerry Michaels	K6KOP
Michael Gold	AJ6RZ
Diane Richwine	KK6RED
David Swanson	KJ6AAT
Ednalee Warnecke	KN6VTY
Martha Richards	K6ELO
Jim Marks	KN6VTC
Rhys Hiltner	AK6BA
Rob Johnson	KK6JNI
Jean Stenquist	KG6CFU

### Agenda:

Call to order/logistics

Introductions

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Agenda

Treasurer's report

New business

Form a nomination committee for officer elections

Report on KPH tour by Maritime Radio Historical Society <<https://www.radiomarine.org/>>

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Announcing Frans, KJ6IUV as new Trustee for W6ECK club call sign

Old business

Volunteers for new member onboarding/elmering

Outreach/PR/web

Tech./Infrastructure

Ten Minutes for Tech, Jay KJ6WSS

Elmering

Neighborhood nets and Comm. hubs

Training and Operations

Oct. 14th SET preparation

Adjourn

Meeting called to order.

September membership meeting minutes approved

Meeting agenda approved

Treasurer's report: 1 new member this month

### **Business session**

#### **Nomination Committee**

- Don NI6A will head up the nomination committee for next year's club officers
- Hal KK6NDF volunteered to be on the nomination committee

#### **Visit and tour of KPH**

- On Sep. 30 a group of KE members visited and toured the KPH transmitter and receiver sites near Pt. Reyes.
- The site is not only historic for providing years of ship-to-shore radio communications but also was a site used by Marconi.
- The site is now maintained by dedicated docents but it is unknown how long this maintenance can be kept up.

#### **Contribution to club treasury**

- Jean Stenquist KG6CFU, a KARO-ECHO member years ago, has been holding \$250 that was meant for maintenance of equipment at Hilltop High School. Jean would like to return this money to the KE treasury.
- Annette KJ6SWK will contact Jean to arrange the transfer.

#### **Outreach**

- Xia K2XIA has been working with high school students to introduce them to ham radio.

### **Technical Talk**

- The technical talk this month by Jay KJ6WSS was about his experience at his farm after a recent earthquake, searching for working flashlights in the middle of the night.
- If not maintained, flashlights needed in an emergency could have low batteries.
- Spare batteries could be old and low on charge, might not be the right size, or there might not be enough of them.
- Alkaline batteries can leak corrosive fluid after being stored for a time.
- Rechargeable lithium-ion batteries could be the most economical.
- Jay's recommendation is to have modern LED flashlights with lithium-ion rechargeable batteries on hand.
- If a battery powered light is to be used at a desk it should project dispersed or diffused light instead of focused light to make reading printed material easier.

### **Training**

#### **Fall SET review**

- Our practice of reporting a Modified Mercalli Intensity Scale number during our SET check-in simulates finding out what the damage level is in the different areas of our cities.
- Our use of tactical call signs is to practice associating a tactical call sign with a location rather than a person because the operator at a location will change.
- Even though we primarily use our tactical call signs during the SET we also need practice in announcing our FCC call sign every 10 minutes.
- Communication hubs in El Cerrito and Kensington practice sending emergency messages to the El Cerrito City Hall EOC. In a real emergency KE club members who are stationed outside of El Cerrito or Kensington would not be able to request help from El Cerrito or Kensington emergency services so the question becomes how do we make the best use of the resources that our surrounding city members provide?

Meeting adjourned.